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## **Comments and Responses Regarding Draft Local Coverage Determination: Post-Void Residual Urine and/or Bladder Capacity by Ultrasound**

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As an important part of Medicare Local Coverage Determination (LCD) development, National Government Services solicits comments from the provider community and from members of the public who may be affected by or interested in our LCDs. The purpose of the advice and comment process is to gain the expertise and experience of those commenting.

We would like to thank those who suggested changes to the draft Post-Void Residual Urine and/or Bladder Capacity by Ultrasound LCD. The official notice period for the final LCD begins on May 15, 2008, and the final determination will become effective on July 1, 2008.

### *Comment:*

A commenter stated that Surveyor Guidelines state that assessment tests or studies to identify type of incontinence, e.g. PVR, are required. While an intermittent catheter is acceptable, there are risks of infection and there is also discomfort to the patient. The bladder scan by ultrasound does not impose these risks and discomforts on the patient and should therefore be covered.

### *Response:*

The contractor will consider this change after review of requested literature from the commenter.

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